

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-7, 9-12, and 15 are presently active in this application, Claims 8 and 16-20 have been canceled without prejudice by the present amendment. Claims 1-2, 13, and 14 were previously canceled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, Claims 3-7, 9-12, and 15 were indicated as being allowed. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parris et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,604,700) in view of Venkatassen et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,736,435) and further in view of Yu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,534,373).

The present amendment cancels rejected Claim 8 and withdrawn Claims 16-20, leaving active only allowed Claims 3-7, 9-12, and 15. Accordingly, this amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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